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Report of the Independent Expert on developments in the human rights situation in El Salvador

Note by the secretariat

In connection with the report of the Independent Expert on developments in the human rights situation in El Salvador (E/CN.4/1995/88), the letter annexed to the present note is hereby circulated to the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-first session, at the request of the Director of the Human Rights Division of the United Nations Observer Mission in El-Salvador (ONUSAL). The attachments referred to in the letter, Security Council documents S/1955/143 and S/1955/144 are being made available separately to the members of the Commission.

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Letter dated 23 February 1995 from the Director, Human Rights Division United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador (ONUSAL), addressed to the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights

I refer to the report of the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in El Salvador, Professor Pedro Nikken (E/CN.4/1995/88). In paragraph 121 of that report, Professor Nikken proposes that the Centre for Human Rights' programme of technical assistance in human rights to El Salvador be carried out in close coordination with mechanism to be elaborated by the Secretary-General and the Security Council to follow the withdrawal of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador (ONUSAL).

In this connection, I am attaching the letter, dated 6 February 1995, from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council (S/1995/143) and the reply, dated 17 February 1995, by the President of the Security Council (S/1995/144). The Secretary-General proposed that, after ONUSAL's withdrawal on 30 April 1995, the United Nations establish, for an initial period of six months, an on-site team of about eight professionals to provide good offices, verify implementation of the outstanding points on the peace agreements and provide information to the Secretary-General. The members of the Council welcomed the proposal.

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